AND DOESN'T KNOW IT.

TER, SIMILARLY AFFLICTED ONCE,

THREW AWAY HER CRUTCHES.

action of Bernardus Bennett, a hopeless paralytic

caused much interest among his friends here, and

also brings to light a peculiar history of a family

which appears to have long suffered from the

Bennett is seventy-nine years old. He has been

confined to his room and bed for upward of three

years, his legs being wholly useless. One morning

moved his clothing and went to bed. He was later

asked by his wife how he performed the feat, but denied having been downstairs. It now appears that he was wholly unconscious of the act and cannot be made to believe the story. It is believed he was in a transce

MRS. JEFFRIES NOT GUILTY.

SHE IS ACQUITTED OF THE MURDER OF

HER FATHER AND DISCHARGED.

trial of Nora Jeffries for the murder of her father

filed into the courtroom and took their seats in the

jury box at 3:45 o'clock yesterday. Amid a solemn

stillness, and in answer to the question of Justice

Jenks if they had agreed upon a verdict Foreman

From the direction where Mrs. Jeffries and he

friends sat there was a sigh of relief, and the face

of Mrs. Jeffries, that had during the week been ex-

pressive of melancholy, was wreathed in smiles. Her husband, who sat next to her, leaned over toward her and kissed her on the cheek, while her

counsel, ex-District Attorney Backus, left his sent and shook her hand in congratulation. Justice

Jenks called Mrs. Jeffries to the bar and told her

she was discharged, as she had had a fair trial and was found not guilty. Turning to the jury the Jus-tice said that as they had heard such a long case it

would not be necessary for them to serve the bal

Mrs. Jeffries left the courtroom surrounded by her

pleasure.
e verdict of acquittal had not been unexpected

friends and relatives, whose eyes, a few hours be-

freely on her clothing. C. On the period of the body. I thank God that she did not wash her hands or that she did not change her clothes before she was taken to the police station. It was an act of Providence, a safeguard which the Almighty threw about her. At the station house she was examined, and not the slightest evidence of blood was about her. This, gentlemen, is the absolute evidence that this woman did not and could not have committed the crime."

The charge by Justice Jenks was conceded to be able and fair.

MURDERER DIES IN HIS CELL.

THE MAN WHO VOWED TO EXTERMINATE A

WHOLE FAMILY SUCCUMBS TO

HEART FAILURE.

Carmello Grancianto, an Italian under indict-

ment for murder in having shot Antonio Shavello

in Astoria on October 18 last, died yesterday in the

Queens County Jail, in Long Island City. He was

suffering from heart trouble when he was received,

and Dr. Pratt and the jall physician is of the opin-

on the fatal attack.

ion that constant worrying over his case brought

THE REV. DR. CARSON'S SPECIAL SERMONS

Beginning to-morrow the Rev. Dr. J. F. Carson,

pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Jeffer-

son and Marcy aves., will preach a series of special

November 26—"Martin Luther."
December 3—"The Reformation and Its Men."
December 16—"John Knox."
December 17—"The Covenanters and Their Cove-

The sermons, while somewhat biographical, wi

THE RESOLUTE TO BE DOCKED.

The transport Resolute, in command of Lieutenant Commander J. D. J. Kelly, fermerly chief

tenant Command Philip, went up to the Navy Yard aid to Admiral Philip, went up to the Navy Yard pesterday from Tompkinsville. She is to be docked and will undergo a general overhauling.

TORBORG STILL HOPEFUL OF ELECTION.

John C. McGuire, counsel for Herman Torborg,

the Democratic candidate for the Assembly in the

XXIst District, who was defeated by Joseph F.

Adams, Republican, by four votes, obtained an or

BOY HELD ON A CHARGE OF HOMICIDE.

stabled Theodore Cockfair to death on Friday of

last week in a quarrel at Hudson-ave, and Front-

st. was arraigned in the Adams-st. court yester-day. Ex-District Attorney James W. Ridgway

August Lucca, the boy charged with having

sermons. The subjects are to be:

Clarence A. England arose and said:

ance of the term as jurors.

We find the defendant not guilty.

After forty-five minutes' deliberation the jury

last week Mr. Bennett suddenly arose while sound

of Jamaica, in walking downstairs in his sleep

COLER FIGHTS MANDAMUS.

PAYMENT OF MONEY FOR AQUEDUCT

WORK STRENUOUSLY OPPOSED. The fight between Controller Bird S. Coler and gration Counsel John Whalen over the payment of the judgment of \$700,000, confessed on behalf of the city by Justice Francis M. Scott prior to his taking his seat on the bench of the Supreme court, in favor of John O'Brien and other contractors for the new Croton Aqueduct, who had claims of about \$2,000,000 against the city. again renewed before Justice Truax in the Sueme Court yesterday. Justice Bookstaver a few days ago denied a motion by F. R. Kellogg, counsel for a Brooklyn taxpayer named Irving T. Bush, for the continuance of a preliminary injunction obtained by him restraining Controller Coler from paying and the plaintiff contractors from receiving the \$700,000,

L Laffin Kellogg, counsel for the contractors, at once secured an order directing the Controller to show cause why he should not be compelled by a writ of peremptory mandamus to pay the amount if the judgment, and argument on the subject of the issuance of the writ was heard by Justice Truax

F. R. Kellogg, on behalf of Bush, applied to Justice Truax for a stay of proceedings until an appeal from Justice Bookstaver's decision could be sed on by the Appellate Division of the Court. and for a continuance of the injunction restraining the payment of the \$700,000 until the determination of the case by the superior tribunal. This was, in effect, an opposition to the issuance of the writ of mandamus compelling the Controller to pay.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles Blandy appeared in a dual role. At the request of the controller he was assigned by Corporation Counsel Whalen to oppose the writ of mandamus, while he, on behalf of the Corporation Counsel, expressed the opinion that the writ should be issued and that the stay of proceedings in the Bush action should

said that the Controller, after a determined fight, had now reached the last ditch in this protracted litigation, and was, in view of Justice Bookstaver's decision, as well as the previous decisions of Justice Pryor, Justice Beckman, the Appellate Diision and the Court of Appeals, to pay over this money to the plaintiffs.

cellers then asked for the stay, and said on was one of great importance, and that are raised which could only be settled by that court, and which had never been by the Appellate Division or the Court in the previous litigation. He said that indamus were issued it would only lead expensive litigation, whereas if it were the matter could be finally determined meal.

e matter could be finally determined cal corporation Counsel Blandy then exposition, and submitted an affidavit him which contained the letter to alon Counsel from Controller Coler official to represent him on the hearing cation for the writ of mandamus. The o set forth the exact position of the Counsel in the matter, y then contended that the Controller ed in the offer of judgment, and recy of the correspondence between Conand the Couporation Counsel on the between Controller Coler and Justice exsor.

recessor. The same of the same

inving reviewed the proceedings in the different inving reviewed the proceedings in the different true of appeal at great length, Mr. Blandy said: It would be just as wise, after a litigation as the propriety of a compromise of judgment had n concluded, to leave it to the wisdom of the uroller whether judgment should be confessed it would be for a counsel of fifty years' standio delegate to his office boy, whose sole functually his inkbottles with ink, the question of advice to be given to a private client." It Blandy said there was no reason why the vishould be granted, or why the mandamus judy not issue.

should not issue.

After some further observations from both the
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Messrs. Kellogg, Justice Truax took the papers
and reserved his decision.

ALDERMAN RODDY HELD FOR TRIAL.

HE IS CHARGED WITH DEMANDING A BRIBE FROM AN ITALIAN.

Magistrate Zeller, in the Harlem Police Court, yesterday morning handed down a decision in the case of bribery against Alderman John S. Roddy, holding him for trial on the charge in the sum of 2500. Roddy was not in court when the decision was delivered. He is out on \$1,000 ball pending the decision. Alexander McDowell, of No. 388 Man hattan-ave., who is on the bond of Roddy, was ordered to produce Roddy in court this morning.

Roddy lives at No. 251 West One-hundred-andsixteenth-st., and represents the XXIst Assembly District in the Board. On September 14 last he was arrested on a charge of bribery made by James Nicolas of No. 154 East One-hundred-and-eigharrested on a charge of bribery made by James Viachos, of No. 184 East One-hundred-and-eighteenih-st. Viachos is a dealer in fruit and flowers. Viachos swore that in October, 1898, he wanted to erect a booth at One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st. and Eighth-ave. He was told to see Alderman Roddy. He alleges that he did see Roddy, and Roddy demanded \$500.

manded \$200.

This Viachos said he refused to give. Then he tried to get the permission through the Board without Roddy, but every time it was proposed it was blocked by Roddy. On July 25 Viachos said he erected a booth at the corner mentioned, and it was taken away by the Bureau of Incumbrances. Roddy denied that he had endeavored to extort money from Viachos. There have been five long examinations in the case, and Magistrate Zeller has had the matter under advisement for some time.

"BIG SIX" OFFICERS INDICTED.

John H. Delaney, of No. 21/2 King-st., Manhattan, and William Perkins, of No. 15 Prospect Place. Brooklyn, the president and the vice-president respectively of Typographical Union No. 6, were in dicted in Brooklyn yesterday for libel by the Grand Jury. The complainant is "The Sun" Printing and Publishing Company, of Manhattan, The indictments were presented in Fart I, of the County Court, Judge Hurd presiding. When the defendants were arraigned they demurred to the indictments through their counsel, Dr. W. J. O'Sullivan, on the grounds that they could not properly be indicted in Kings County, and that if any indictments were found it should be in New-York County. The charges grew out of the recent trouble between "The Sun" and the Typographical Union.

AN INJUNCTION AGAINST THE UNION. Justice Bookstaver, in the Supreme Court, yes-

terday, handed down a decision in the action for an injunction brought by "The Sun" Printing and Publishing Association against the members of Typographical Union No. 6, in which he holds defendants or other persons acting on their behalf have gone beyond the limits pre-scribed by law in their endeavors to boycott "The Sun" for its employment of non-union composi-tors and others. He granted the injunction as applying to illegal acts only.

MEETING OF THE ARMORY BOARD.

The Armory Board held a meeting in the Mayor's office yesterday morning, at which the contract for repairs to the rifle range of the 14th Regiment Armory were awarded to Charles Hart for \$6,954. The question of providing suitable quarters for the 1d Naval Battalion, of Brooklyn, was under discussion, and Commissioner Kearny was in structed to ascertain if such quarters could not be had. Mr. Kearny was also instructed to investi-gate the question of securing a plot of ground in the neighborhood of Sixty-fifth-st, where a per-manent armory for the battailon could be built. No report was made on the question of plans for the 1st Battery Armory, at Sixty-fifth-st, and Eighth-ave, now in the hands of Commissioner Kearny.

NEW ISSUE OF DIRECTORY OF DIRECTORS. The second number of the "Directory of Directhas appeared. The plan this year has been to enlarge the book by adding an appendix con-taining names of principal corporations, followed in each case by the address and the officers' and directors' names. For various purposes the volume will be exceedingly useful. The typography and binding are excellent.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Williams College Alumni Association will be held December 7 at Delmonico's. The speakers are expected to be President Franklin Carter, '62; James H. Canfield, '68; the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer and William H. McEiroy, of Union College. College kongs will be led by the Alumni Glee Club and there will be music by the Hungarian Band.

It Won't Do

A "may-cure" cough medicine won't do. If it will "perhaps do its work," it's worse than worthless. If it's positive and certain, it's worth ten times its price. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the cough medicine with a record of sixty years back of it. It's the kind that cures.

Three sizes: 25c., enough for an ordinary cold; 50c., just ight for asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness, whooping-cough, and colds; \$1.00, most economical for chronic cases.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

WANT COB DOCK REMOVED.

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS. IT IS URGED AS AN ADVANTAGE TO THE PRO-

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION PREPARES A

VISION TRADE AND TO THE GOVERNMENT IN DOCKING VESSELS. The question of the removal of part of the Cob

Dock in Brooklyn, which it is claimed hurt the Wallabout Basin Market through the conditions which existed, has been referred to the chants' Association of New-York to investigate. It was also asserted that the removal of the north end of the dock would facilitate the entrance of Government vessels into the drydocks at the Navy Yard, as it would widen the channel.

De Berard, of the Merchants' Associa tion, who has charge of the investigation, has prepared a memorial to Congress, which will be introduced at the coming session. The memorial is

as follows:

To the Congress of the United States.

The Merchants' Association of New-York respectfully submits for your consideration the advisability of removing from the Wallabout Basin on the East River, in the State of New-York, the eastern portion of the Cob Dock, which is now existing therein, and which is maintained by the United States Government.

This association comprises in its membership about twelve hundred local manufacturers and merchants and over twenty-five thousand non-resident members, and it is especially earnest in maintaining and improving the facilities of the harbor of the State of New-York. The removal of the portion of the Cob Dock above referred to wild be a great and permanent advantage to the city of New-York, by affording improved facilities for handling a large part of its food supplies, and also to the large manufacturing interests in the neighborhood, which now have no adequate dock facilities. It is urged that the removal of this portion of the Cob Dock would be of equal advantage to the United States Government by reason of the increased facilities which would thereby be obtained for the storage and dockage of vessels and for the proper conduct of the business which is carried on at the Navy Yard situated at that point.

Should it be deemed advisable by the United

Should it be deemed advisable by the United Should it be deemed advisable by the United States authorities to impose any conditions as to reciprocal benefits to be derived from the State of New-York, this association will by some legitimate influence, which it can bring to bear, assist in procuring such legislation as may be necessary to carry out such conditions as far as the same may be reasonable and proper, and may be for the public benefit as affecting the commerce and navigation of the harbor of the city of New-York.

This association therefore petiticas that your honorable body will adopt the necessary legislation to carry into effect the foregoing object.

THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK.

WILLIAM F. KING, President.

QUICKER TRANSIT THE CRY.

W. H. BALDWIN ADVOCATES AN EAST RIVER TUNNEL AT A LEAGUE MEETING.

A meeting of the Brooklyn League was called to order last night in the league's rooms, in the Real Estate Exchange, in Montague-st., by the vice-president, Willis L. Ogden, Among those present were John F. Anderson, jr., Frank L. Babbott, E. Dwight Church, Theodore L. Frothingham, William Harkness, James McKeen, Willis L. Ogden, Andrew F Rogers, Theodore M. Taft. Robert P. Wilson and Charles E. Woodbridge. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means to arouse the attention of the people of Brooklyn to the necessity of quicker transit facilities and also to hear W. H. Baldwin, the president of the Long Island Railroad, who desired that some pressure be brought to bear upon the Municipal Assembly to grant to the Long Island Railroad Company a franchise to dig a tunnel under Atlantic-ave. and the East River to Manhattan. The league appeared to favor the proposition as put forward by Mr. Baldwin, and referred the matter to the Executive Committee of the league to devise means by which the company may secure the franchise to build the tunnel.

speaking of the necessity for quicker transit Mr. Baidwin declared that it was difficult to secure strong and aggressive action on the matter, and that if he were to agitate the matter it would be declared that a grasping corporation was endeavoring to secure a valuable public franchise without paying for it.

aying for it.
"If the franchise is given to us to build this
annel we will have it completed within two and a
alf years. There is pienty of money and capital
eady to undertake this project immediately, and
rith the granting of the franchise the digging of the
unnel will be begun." he said. Mr. Baldwin gave
list of men who were back of the tunnel project
o show that it was supported by men of capital.

TWO BOYS VICTIMS OF TROLLEY CARS.

Two more victims of trolley cars were added yesterday to the already long list. One is dead, the other badly injured. Percy Warsnop, the first victim, eight years old, was knocked down by a car of the Fulton-st. line at 3:15 o'clock at Fulton-st, and Troy-ave. While being taken to his home, No. 63 Sumpter-st. in an ambulance, he died. John Fogerty, the motorman, was arrested.

Ten-yesr-old Michael O'Erien. of No. 340 Sixthst. while playing in the street at Third-ave, and Eighth-st. was knocked down by a car of the Third-ave. line going south. The boy sustained injuries on the head, and probably a fracture of the skull.

RAILROAD COMMISSION NOT TO MEET. Out of respect to the memory of Vice-President Hobart the meeting of the Railroad Commission to hear the complaint of the citizens of Brooklyn against the new transfer system of the Brooklyn Rapid Trais t Company will not take place to-day the Brooklyn Borough Hall. The commission met last night in the Fifth Avenue Hotel and adjourned the hearing until further notice.

Commissioner Baker said yesterday that he had made a quiet investigation on Thursday evening of the conditions prevailing on the lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. He went alone to the Manhattan terminal of the Bridge, and after to the Manhattan terminal of the Bridge, and after watching things for a while there he came over to the Brooklyn side and saw for himself just what cause there is to complain of overcrowding and dangerous handling of the traffic. Mr. Baker has also ridden over the lines of the company. He said yesterday that in the hearing he would be thor-oughly impartial, and would go into the merits and demerits of the case without the least discrim-tination.

SIX PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

Six petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday in the clerk's office of the United States District Court. One was involuntary and five voluntary. The former was filed against Valentine J. Hill the Camp Manufacturing Company, the Cary Man-

ufacturing Company and William L. Rodgers Benjamin P. Walker, of No. 39 Sterling Place, filed the first voluntary petition, naming four unsecured creditors, with claims of \$12,555, and named his assets as \$4,600.

Henrietta G. Wiechers, of No. 275 Lexington-ave., another petitioner, named the Manhattan Pie Com-pany as her creditor, for \$660.69, and values her pany as her creditor, for \$60.69, and values her assets at \$3. in clothing, and fi2.17 85, representing interest on income from the trust estate under the Revised Statutes of the State of New-York.

Michael Feiner, a tailor, of No. 126 Court-st, lied a petition, naming thirty-eight unsecured creditors in \$3.069.90, with assets of \$3.522, of which \$1.50 in unliquidated claims.

Louis Berliner, a cigarmaker, of No. 169 Bleeckertt, said he owed \$1.550 to two persons, and had no secrets.

Edward J. Hartman, of No. 211 Clifton Place, named four unsecured creditors in \$4,099.78, and assets of \$40.

A BAPTIST CHURCH FOR BOROUGH PARK. The Baptists in Borough Park are establishing a church. Recently they paid the last instalment on

church. Recently they paid the last instalment on six lots at Forty-eighth-st, and Thi-teenth-ave. It is now proposed to build a modest little church on the property with the aid of the Baptist Church Building Committee. The site cost \$4.200. The members hope to build a church worth about \$7,000.

SUICIDE RATHER THAN ARREST.

Julius Spiegel, a tailor, fifty-four years old, of No

Ewen-st. police court yesterday to answer to

day. Ex-District Attorney James W. Ridgway represented the boy and moved that he be discharged. He called attention to the fact that the Coroner's jury found that Cockfair died of a stab wound "inflicted by some unknown person." As the magistrate would not discharge Lucca, Mr. Ridgway waived examination. The boy was held to await the action of the Grand Jury. Lucca was recommitted to the care of the Children's Society, and Judge Hurd, in the County Court, admitted him to ball in \$2,500. charges of aseault preferred by his wife, was not in was told that a few hours before Spiegel had committed suicide by hanging himself from a transom.

After the policeman had served the aummons on Spiegel Friday night the latter said that he would not answer the call. The officer replied that he would come and carry him bodily to the court if he did not. Spiegel returned to his shop in Morganave, and was never again seen alive. Yesterday when he did not come to breakfast his daughter went to the shop and found her father hanging to the transom. Spiegel was well to do and identified with many charitable organizations. It is believed that rather than answer to the charges of assault made by his wife, from whom he had separated, he ended his life. court when the case was called. The Magistrate

College Point, Nov. 24.-Thieves found an envelope College Point, Nov. 24.—Thieves found an envelope in a bureau in Joseph Delancy's house while ransacking the premises last night. Although it was bulky they tossed it on the floor without examining its contents. It contained \$137. The visit was made while Delancy and his solver were absent. Three watches, a pair of gold bracelets and Miss Delancy's purse, containing \$1.85 in change, were taken. The articles stolen were worth, it is said, more than \$102.

THIEVES MISS A ROLL OF MONEY.

PARALYTIC A SLEEP WALKER. SCHOOL REFORMS NEEDED. NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

HE GOES DOWNSTAIRS AND RETURNS AUTONOMY FOR BOROUGHS SOUGHT BY AMENDING THE CHARTER.

NOW HE IS HELPLESS AGAIN-HIS DAUGH-CONSOLIDATION IS SAID TO HAVE HAD A BAD EFFECT, AND MANY SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED. The peculiar and apparently almost unprecedented

The matter of amending the charter, as suggested some time ago by Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, so as to secure for Brooklyn and the other individual boroughs more autonomy in the control of their school systems, is still being discussed with interest by those who are interested in Brooklyn's schools. In speaking of the subject yesterday Dr John Mickleborough, principal of the Boys' High School, said:

Those who live in Brooklyn are better qualified

asieep and walked downstairs. He went to the armchair, near the kitchen range, which he used to sit in, and sat down. A negro woman who had been a domestic in the Bennett family for years was so badly frightened that she ran screaming to the storehouse near by and told Mrs. Bennett and her daughter, Helen, that Mr. Bennett was dead sure and his ghost was in the armchair. Mrs and Miss Bennett hurried to the house and found Mr. Bennett sitting upright in his chair. They were at first frightened and then overloyed, for they thought possibly the malady had left him. They spoke to him, but he did not answer. After a time he stood up and without apparent effort walked up the flight of stairs into his room. He had dressed himself when he arose, and he now removed his clothing and went to bed. He was later

Those who live in Brooklyn are better qualified to judge of the needs of the Brooklyn schools than people would be who live in Brooklyn

Horace E. Dresser, who is a member of the Brooklyn School Board and also a member of the Board of Education in Manhattan, makes the statement that he believes that the Board of Escannot be made to believe the story. It is believed he was in a trance.

Miss Helen Bennett, the daughter also was a paralytic until five years ago. About twenty years ago she and her father lost control of their limbs. Treatment was applied and Miss Bennett became able to walk about on crutches. One morning about five years ago Miss Bennett walked into the parlor and threw down the crutches she had been using at her mother's feet.

Mrs. Bennett, who is seventy-five years old, was also stricken with paralysis three years ago, and, like her husband and daughter, suddenly found herself in full possession of her former strength. She and the daughter have retained their powers since, but Mr. Bennett seems to be as badly stiffened now as he was before the temporary release from his almost living death. The family is in abject poverty. timate should be the only centralitized board connected with the work of the schools, its functions being to apportion to each borough its share of the money raised by general taxation. solidation," said Mr. Dresser, "when our local Board had control of all moneys, we were able to purchase sites, erect buildings, make repairs and purchase and distribute supplies without any material delay. Both on the material and on the educational side our schools were honestly and efficiently managed. But since consolidation we have had nothing but confusion, frouble and delay. I hope that the next Legislature will restore its former functions to the Brooklyn School Board."

A DEFENCE OF TWO PREACHERS.

WHAT DRS. JEFFERSON AND HILLIS SAID AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CON-FERENCE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

which had been listening to the evidence in the Sir: An unknown correspondent in this morning's paper, under the caption, "Pastors Prophesy Conflict." does great injustice to the remarkably eloquent address's of Drs. Jefferson and Hillis at the meeting of the New-York Congregational Confer ence last night. There was not a word spoken by either gentleman of a "socialistic trend." Dr. Jef ferson did not advocate "parochial schools" alongside of the Protestant churches, nor did he speak approvingly of the Catholic schools, as the words of this reporter imply. The whole trend and purpose of the speakers was to urge on every educated church member the duty to see that the young everywhere are taught the Bible, and that the everywhere are taught the Bible, and that the millions of children and youth now growing up to exercise 'ne duties of citizenship without moral and religious training should be brought into the Bible school and trained in the ethics of the Bible. The rich and cultured were, indeed, urged to engage earnestly in this work, to seek to reach and win the children of the slums, lest by and by a "socialistic" or "anarchistic" conflict between the lower and the upper strata of society should come. Dr. Jefferson did not "prophesy" such a conflict. His address was received by the large audience with long continued and unanimous applause. I do not tunate reporter, commander of high approval.
evening in other than terms of high approval.
N. J. MORRISON. with pleasure.

The verdict of acquittal had not been unexpected, as the impression about the courtroom was that the circumstances connecting Mrs. Jeffries were not of the strongest kind. Foster L. Backus made a strong plea in behalf of Mrs. Jeffries. His speech occupied most of the morning session. Following him was Assistant District Attorney Van Cott, who appeared for the prosecution. In his address Mr. Backus proved that the prosecution had offered no evidence to show that some one else had not gone upstained the room where Hannan was killed. The strongest point in the counsel's address was his speaking of the absence of blood stains on the defendant dress, ands and face. He showed the axe in the jurymen, and pointed out the clots of blood which were on the handle of the axe, and told of the blood that was on the bed and which had bespattered the walls. "It would have been a physical impossibility for this woman to have killed her father with this axe." declared Mr. Backus in fervent tones, "without getting some of the blood that spattered so on her person, or on her

Brooklyn, Nov. 24, 1899.

EX-MAYOR SCHROEDER ILL.

ANXIETY FELT FOR HIS RECOVERY-DR JANEWAY CALLED IN CONSULTATION. Ex-Mayor Frederick A. Schroeder is lying dangerously ill with pneumonia at the Hotel Margaret, where he makes his home. Mr. Schroeder was taken ill last Wednesday, the result of a cold caught a few weeks ago at the functal of his

daughter, Mrs. Anderson. Dr. John E. Richardson is in daily attendance upon him, and said last night: "Mr. Schroeder is a very sick man. Dr. Janeway was called in cona very side man. Dr. Janeway was caused in con-sultation last night and again to-night. What the outcome will be it is impossible to say."

Mr. Schroeder's left lung is seriously affected, and there are symptoms of the disease spreading to the right lung. The patient is not in as good a condition to fight the disease as might be, on account of his recent affliction, and then, too, his age is against him. Mr. Schroeder is sixty-six years old.

years old.

Fortunately, however, he has a strong constitution, which will count in his favor. Mr. Schroeder
is receiving the best attention, and his wife is always with him. She said yesterday afternoon that
he had been resting only at intervals Thursday
night and yesterday morning. His condition was
about the same last night as it had been earlier
in the day.

ALLEGED ABDUCTOR PROBABLY MARRIED.

HE SAYS THE GIRL TOLD HIM SHE WAS OF AGE AND HE WANTED A WIFE.

Charles Holst, twenty-six years old, of No. 53 South Fourth-st., who is accused by Henry Stokey, of No. 237 North Sixth-st., with having abducted his daughter, Almira, fifteen years old, was taken before Magistrate Kramer, in the Lee-ave court, yesterday.

Holst alleged that the girl told him she was of age. He said that he was able to support a wife and meant to do right by her. The magistrate adourned the case until Monday, holding Holst in 1500 bail. The girl was returned to the care of the Children's Society.

2500 bail. The girl was returned to the care of the Children's Society.

Up to Monday the girl was employed in a department store. She did not return home that Lay, and on Wednesday went with Hoist, whom she had known about three months, to the Westminster United Presbyterian Church, No. 720 Detur-st,, and the two were married, it is alleged the Rev. A. N. Crosbie.

TWO ASYLUM KEEPERS DISCHARGED.

FRANK MITCHELL'S DEATH LEADS TO AN IN VESTIGATION AT KING'S PARK.

on the fatal attack.

On Sunday, the day of the murder, Shavello and his wife left their home, in Elm-st., Astoria, to visit friends in Manhattan. They had proceeded a short distance when Grancianto stepped up to them and opened fire with a revolver on Shavello. Grancianto fired in all five shots, three of which took effect. Any one was a fatal wound. Shavello lived long enough to identify Grancianto, who would have been tried at the December Term of the Queens County Supreme Court.

The trouble between the men was of ten years' duration. Grancianto left his sweetheart in Italy and came to this country. Her letters ceased, and he learned that she had married Shavello's brother. Shavello and his wife came here, and Grancianto said he would kill the four Shavello brothers. He wounded the man who married the girl, and also shot another brother. It was thought that he had gone to Italy, and his presence in Astoria was an unwelcome surprise to the Shavello family. Central Islip, Long Island, Nov. 24.-General Superintendent Dewing, of the State Insane Asylum, at King's Park, has discharged Keepers Connors and Griffin, pending the investigation into the death of Frank Mitchell, an inmate, which occurred on November 12. Keeper Neville was allowed to resign.

Superintendent Dewing and the Board of Managers, including Dr. Backus, the president, have een investigating the acts of the keepers for a week. Dr. Dewing says that it was not this particular case alone which led to the discharge of the two men, but there was a large amount of evidence to show that the men were rough in handling patients and were unfit for places as attendants. It is alleged that Mitchell died from the effects of rough treatment.

WANTS A FIREPROOF WOMEN'S PRISON.

MR. WALTON'S SUGGESTION EMPHASIZED BY A FIRE NEAR RAYMOND STREET JAIL.

William Walton, Deputy Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, in a com-munication addressed to Commissioner Kearny der from Justice Wilmot M. Smith yesterday afternoon requiring the Board of Canvassers to show
cause why they should not open the ballot boxes of
the XXIst Assembly District. Torborg is like
Gray, the defeated candidate for Register, grasping at the slightest straw which might change the
result of the count. recommends the erection of a new fireproof prison for women at the Kings County Jall. He calls attention to the "dangerous conditions" existing at present, and urges the "necessity of prompt measures to avert the possibility of a loss of life

The building he would have is one of the same The building he would have is one of the same dimensions as the present structure, with plain steel cells, to cost \$220,000.

At an early hour yesterday the three story brick building at Nos. 245 and 251 Willoughby-st., owned and in part occupied by A. P. Stevens, was destroyed by fire, the damage amounting to \$30,000. The women prisoners in the Raymond Street Jail, which is close by, were panic stricken, and it was with difficulty that Warden Bergen assured them that there was no danger from the fire which was so close by. The women crowded around the barred windows and it was only when the fire was put out that they subsided.

The occupants of the building were Stevens, a carpet cleaner; George Fitzgerald, a manufacturer of shoes; Charles F. Phelps, a maker of spring mattresses, and the Evanola Manufacturing Company.

The fire coming right after Mr. Walton's sugges-tions has set people thinking about them.

IGNITED CLOTHES LIGHTING HER PIPE Elizabeth Bitterly, fifty-five years old, of No. 218 North Eighth-st., delights in a good old fashioned smoke. When she was about to induige in her favorite pastime yesterday, in lighting her pipe she set fire to her clothing, and her arms and neck were badly burned. An ambulance surgeon attended her injuries, but it was not found necessary to remove her to a hospital.

DALY STRONG FOR SULZER.

BELIEVES THE SILVER TAMMANYITE SHOULD BE THE MINORITY LEADER.

DECLARES THAT AN EASTERN CANDIDATE SHOULD BE CHOSEN AND THAT SUL-ZER SHOULD BE THE MAN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Nov. 24.-Representative Daly, of the VIIth New-Jersey District, who came on with Representative Sulzer, was at the Capitol to-day. Respecting Sulzer's claim to be chosen minority leader of the House Mr. Daly said that the honors of the party had heretofore been held largely by the South and West, and that he thought now they could well afford to help as much as they could toward the upbuilding of the strength of the regular Democracy in the

Representative Daly went on to say that Mr. Sulzer, who had been selected as the Eastern candidate, had been as loyal to Bryan and the candidate, had been as loyal to Bryan and the Chicago platform as any other man in the whole country, South, East or West. He had made his canvass for Congress in New-York City in 1898 openly and vigorously and had led the ticket. His selection was a recognition by the Eastern Democracy of Bryan and the Chicago platform, and Mr. Daly thought that the Democrats of the South and West ought to be glad to honor a Chicago platform Bryan Democrat, always loyal and outspoken, who could hold the support of the Eastern Democracy. The support of Sulzer, he said, was not perfunctory, merely to compliment him, but was in earnest and would stick to him to the last.

A CHANCE FOR HONEST BIDDERS.

HUDSON COUNTY FREEHOLDERS TAKE STEPS TO CHANGE THE OLD METHODS.

The Hudson County Board of Freeholders will make a departure this year in the award of con-tracts that will enable the honest bidders to get a share of the contracts. The contracts will be a share of the contracts. The contracts will be awarded by items to the lowest bilder for each item, and will shut out unbalanced bids. The palpable effort to give contracts to favored bidders last year created a scandal, and indictments were talked of. The Grand Jury for the present term was drawn by ex-Sheriff McLean, who was appointed by Governor Voorhees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Shariff Heller. by Governor Voorhees to fill by the death of Sheriff Heller.

PLAYING "NICKEL IN THE SLOT."

A FORMER DEMOCRATIC POLITICIAN SAYS HE LOST \$200-ACTION TAKEN AT PHILLIPSBURG. Phillipsburg, Nov. 24 (Special).-The authorities of Warren County have started a crusade against the persons owning and maintaining gambling devices in the barrooms and cigar stores of the town, and in the barrooms and cigar stores of the town, and as a result Frank Burkhardt, who boards in Easton, Penn. was arrested to-day on complaint of Charles Fitgreaves, better known as "Chappy" Fitgreaves, formerly a well known Democratic politician, who formerly a well known Democratic politician, who alleges that he lost over \$200 playing "nickel in the slot" machines. He declares that the machines are plugged, siving the player no chance to win. A short time previous to the sitting of the last Grand Jury the machines disappeared from the public places, it being persistently rumored that the proprietors of places in which they were operated were to be indicated. When it was learned that the Grand Jury had not acted upon the matter the slot machines were again brought from cover and play was resumed with old time vigor. Burkhardt has furnished \$500 bail for a hearing. Other arrests will follow.

NONE OF THE PUPILS PRESENT.

THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CLOSED-CLASH BE-TWEEN FATHER MENDL AND THE

HEALTH BOARD.

Montclair, Nov. 24 (Special).-The Parochial School, which the Board of Health ordered closed last night and which the Rev. Father Mendl declared he would refuse to shut up unless the other

clared he would refuse to shut up unless the decrease were closed, was not occupied by the pupils this morning. Father Mendi consulted with the teachers, and told them to use their own judgment. In view of the fact that 125 out of 410 pupils were absent on Thursday, the Sisters concluded to close the school until Monday.

Early this morning the Board of Health sent three policemen to the school building, with instructions to send all the children away, but their services were not needed. Father Mendi declared this morning that the school would reopen on Monday morning unless there was an increase of illness in the town. The action of the Board of Health in similing out the Parochial School, Father Mendi declared, was pure spite work.

The Board of Health declares the Parochial School will not be open again until it sees fit to allow it to be opened, and that Father Mendi will soon learn that the orders of the Board must be obeyed. Some lively times are expected next Monday morning.

THE MARTIN ACT ATTACKED.

SENATOR-ELECT THOMAS W. M'CARTER, JR., QUESTIONS ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY.

In the Circuit Court at Newark yesterday Thomas W. McCarter, jr., the Senator-elect in Essex County, attacked the constitutionality of the Martin act for the adjustment of taxes, and presented to the Court fourteen points upon which he proposed to carry the act up to the Court of Errors and Appeals for adjudication. The case was that of Wilhert J. and Frederick Flock, infants, plaintiffs, and Jeptha Smith, defendant, and the property in dispute is a vacant lot. The city got title in 1894, under the Martin act, in a sale for delinquent taxes, and the property was sole.

Martin act, in a sale for delinquent taxes, and the property was solo. The points presented by Mr. McCarter related mostly to the alleged unconstitutionality of the act under which the property was sold. The Martin act was introduced in the Legislature by the late Senator Augustus F. R. Martin, of Newark. At that time it was impossible to give a valid title to property sold for taxes, and there were millions of unpaid taxes in the municipalities of the State. The act proved a great blessing. It rescued Elizabeth from bankruptcy, and put the finances of Newark, Jersey City and other cities on a stable basis, by clearing off all the tax liens that had been standing for years, while the municipalities had to borrow money.

FIFTY CENT GAS IN SIGHT FOR PASSAIC. Passaic, Nov. 24 (Special).-There is now every prospect that the City Council will grant the request for a franchise made by the new Equitable Gas Company. This company is the one organized by ex-Mayor Andrew McLean to use the method invented by Dr. J. W. Chisholm, of Chicago, and sell gas for 50 cents a thousand feet.

There has been a feeling that the Chisholm process was a myth. This feeling was dispelled at a hearing before the Board of Trade last evening. a hearing before the Board of Trade last evening, when Dr. Chisholm explained as much of his method as he was willing to. Judge W. W. Watson introduced a resolution urging the City Council to grant the franchise with proper restrictions, and it was passed without a dissenting vote. Colonel John A. Parker, chairman of the Councilmen's committee which is investigating the matter, said that he had been convinced, and that he thought the Council would grant the franchise unanimously. The company does not ask for any contract with the city. It asks only for a franchise. It declares that it will put up a 510,000 plant at once, capable of turning out two million feet of gas a day. It will also furnish a bond of \$10,000 to repair the streets properly. The Paterson and Passaic Gas and Electric Lighting Company six months ago reduced its rate for gas from \$1.80 a thousand net to \$1.50. On September 1 it reduced the rate to \$1.55. and introduced a sliding scale so that the rate will be \$1 in 1903.

SALARIES FOR TEACHERS FIXED. The Jersey City Board of Education has fixed the

salaries for the next fiscal year, which begins on December 1. The schedule is the same as for the present year, except that fifteen male principals were advanced from \$1,950 to \$2,000 a year and thirteen critic teachers from \$100 to \$122 a year. The Board asked the Finance Commissioners has spring for an additional appropriation of \$15.690 to increase the pay of the teachers, but the allowance was not made. The teachers' pay is \$400 per annum for the first two years, \$406 a year for the next three years, \$23 when they have taught five years and \$24 when they have been ten years in the service. A SUCCESSFUL FAIR AT SUMMIT.

Summit, Nov. 24 (Special).-The large Young Men's Christian Association hall here is prettily decorated Christian Association hall here is prettily decorated with evergreens and bunting and brilliantly illuminated to-night on the occasion of the annual fair given by people well known socially here for the benefit of the Fresh Air and Convalescent Home. From present indications it is thought that the affair will be more than usually successful from a financial point of view, and that a large sum will be realized by the entertainment. BERGEN COUNTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

Hackensack, Nov. 24 (Special).-The Bergen County Republican Committee was organized to-day for 1900, electing Joseph A. Brohel chairman; Thomas H. Cumming, vice-chairman; Aaron C. Demarest, H. Cumming, vice-chairman; Aaron C. Demares, secretary: Isaac D. Bogert, treasurer. Assemblyman Wakelee, Charles Burrows and G. A. Gantert were appointed a committee to draft resolutions on the deaths of Vice-President Hobart and Assemblyman-elect Graves. Mr. Wakelee was instructed to procure a suitable floral emblem and place it upon the desk of the dead member when the Assembly opens its session.

A SMALL FORTUNE IN THE TRUNK.

IT CONTAINED \$10,000, BUT THE THIEVES FAILED TO FIND IT-JOHN COATES

SHOWS HIS NERVE. Camden, Nov. 24 (Special) .- John Coates is a rich recluse who lives at West-st. and Bridge-ave. A couple of weeks ago a sneak thief got \$300 in cash

from his house, but missed \$5,000 in cash and \$86,000 from his house, but missed 5,000 in cash and except in securities.

News of what was left behind doubtless attracted other thisves, for at 5 o'clock this morning two robbers entered the old man's house, bound and gagged him, threw him into a closet and proceeded to search for some of the coveted wealth. One man sat on his head while the other stuffed a gag in his mouth to prevent his making an outcry. While one of the robbers sat on his head the other fellow made a search of the house in quest of plunder. Every few minutes the robber who was looking for the money would come into the room where his companion was sitting on Coates's head and with a laugh ask, "How are you making out with the old man"

Receiving a reply from the other fellow that

old man?"

Receiving a reply from the other fellow that Coates was all right, he would continue his search for plunder. Evidently becoming discouraged in his work, the burgiar returned and opening the closet door addressed Coates and said: "Look here, old man. Give us \$500 and we will do you no harm."

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Coates replied mournfuily: "How can I give you \$500 when I am only a poor bricklayer and am compelled to work for \$190 a day."
Again the burglars made a demand for \$500, and once more the man pleaded poverty. Then he said in an effort to frighten the robbers:
"I wonder what the police did with the key I gave them to the front door? They will be back in a few minutes, and then you fellows will let me go."

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This evidently had the desired effect, as the two men quickly departed, and Coates says he followed them closely and hurried up Bridge-axe, in search of a policeman. He found Officer Miller, who made a search of the house. Everything was upside down, but in a trunk on the second floor Miller found floogo in cash. The \$5,000 of securities which the thief a fortnight ago missed had been turned over to Coates's son-in-law, Dr. O. B. Gross, who also took charge of the \$10,000.

Coates not long ago received \$5,000 from the Commission of Public Instruction in redemption of some bonds which he held. The amount was paid to him in cash, and it is supposed it is a part of the \$10,000 found in his house by the police this morning.

PROMPTLY ACKNOWLEDGE GUILT.

EXTRAORDINARY PLEA ENTERED BY FIFTY. THREE BARROOM KEEPERS OF GLOUCESTER CITY.

n. Nov. 24 (Special).-Of eighty-nine barroom keepers of Gloucester City who were indicted for having disorderly houses by the last Grand Jury fifty-three made a formal appearance and plea of guilty in the Quarter Sessions Court this morning. Their plea was one of the most novel, perhaps, ever made in court. They presented to the Court a written plea, signed by William J. Sterson, Thomas McBride and James Hutchinson, as a committee for the indicated liquor storekeepers of Gloucester City. The plea reads:

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To the Hon. Edward A. Armstrong, Judge of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions of Camden County.

Sir: The defendants who have been indicted for selling liquor on Sunday in the city of Gloucester City earnestly present to your honorable court in mitigation of our offences:

First—That we are licensed saloonkeepers, under authority of licenses granted by the City Council of Gloucester City. That as such licensed dealers we had, until these charges were made, believed ourselvs amenable and subject to the control and supervision of the local authorities of Gloucester City City.

only.

Second—That believing this to be true we relied wholly upon such directions as we should receive from said city authorities, and in the absence of any directions on the subject and under
the permission and sanction of our conduct we
sold liquors in an unlawful manner.

We therefore, while acknowledging our mistake
and wrongdoing, desire to save all unnecessary expense to the county by the triais of our cases, and
in this public manner to plead guilty and to submit ourselves to the Court, and ask such leniency,
as your honorable court can grant.

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Five of the indicted men entered pleas of not guilty, and eight have fied to escape trial. Three are too iii to appear. The others have not yet been summoned. Judge Armstrong said he would take the novel plea under consideration and announce his decision as to punishment on Tuesday next.

OCEAN GROVE HOLDS OUT.

THE ASSOCIATION DECLINES TO ALLOW THE OCEAN DRIVEWAY TO BE BUILT ACROSS THE LAKES.

Ocean Grove Nov. 24 (Special).-The thirtieth annual meeting of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal

tieth annual meeting of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church came to an end this morning. The officers chosen were printed in The Tribune to-day. In addition to these the following were elected members of the Executive Committee, which controls the internal affairs of the religious resort. The Rev. J. H. Alday, of Ocean Grove: T. M. Dickey, of Ocean Grove; Judge Charles E. Hendrickson, of Mount Holly; Thomas J. Preston, of Orange, and General William H. Skirm, of Trenton. Judge Hendrickson and General Skirm succeeded Postmaster James L. Hays, of Newark, and Holmes W. Murphy, of Freehold.

The association unanimously refused to co-operate with the other resorts along the Northern New-Jersey Coast in the construction of bridges over the sea end of Wesley and Fletcher lakes. These bridges are demanded in order to complete the existing ocean driveway, whose course is broken at Ocean Grove. Petitions, signed by four hundred property owners in and out of Ocean Grove, asking that the association consent to the building of the bridges, were submitted. The refusal to co-operate was drawn up by Bishop James N. FitzGerald, president of the association. In it the Bishop said the construction of the proposed bridges "would eventuate in the desceration of the quiet Holy Sabbath, Ocean Grove's greatest glory."

The action of the association has already served to place those who demand the bridges in a fighting attitude. They say the matter will be brought before the Legislature at the next session and they will demand legislation which will compel ocean Grove to recede from its policy of obstruction.

PART OF HIS SKULL NOW CELLULOID.

A HOBOKEN MAN SUFFERING APPARENTLY PATAL INJURIES NOW RECOVERING.

When Patrick Moore, forty-two years old, of No. 75 Bloomfield-st., Hoboken, was admitted to St. To Bloomfield-st. Hoboken, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, that city, on September 30, the doctors said that they did not think he would ever recover. The man was injured by falling head first a distance of thirty feet into the hold of the steamship Auguste Victoria, of the Hamburg-American Line. He struck on a pile of coal and sustained a compound, compressed fracture of the skull. His brain protruded, and particles of coal dust, the doctors said, were imbedded in it.

The wound was dressed, and Moore surprised all the surgeons by rallying. A few weeks ago a celuiold plate was placed in the skull where the broken bone was taken out, and it is now expected that Moore will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

THOUGHT TO BE SKELETONS OF SOLDIERS. Passalc, Nov. N (Special).-While excavating under an old house to-day workmen found four skeletons in standing and sitting positions. It is thought that they are the remains of Revolutionary soldiers.

DEATH OF A FORMER GYPSY LEADER. Elizabeth, Nov. 24 (Special).-Diana Costello, sev-

Elizabeth, Nov. 24 (Special).—Diana Costello, seventy-six years old, who in her lifetime was a noted gypsy and one of the oldest living members of the Costello tribe of non ads, died to-day at her home, No. 505 Washington-ave, Elizabeth. The woman was born in England of pure gypsy lineage, and for many years travelled with her tribe. She was the mother-in-law of "Queen" Lorell, who died many years ago, and whose weird and picturesque obsequies took place at the home of Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Costello, about twenty-five years ago gave up her roving life, and with her husband settled in Elizabeth. They had saved considerable money, invested part of it in Elizabeth real estate, and lived comfortably in their old age.

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